GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2340
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INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN DEVELOPMENT OF WASTELAND AND CONSTRUCTION OF HOUSES FOR POOR
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to involve private sector in development of wasteland and construction of houses for poor section of the society;

(b) if so, the norms prescribed in this regard;

(c) whether private sector has been invited to participate in the said programmes;

(d) if so, the response of private sector thereto; and

(e) the States where such houses constructed and wasteland developed so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNA SAHEB M.K. PATIL)

(a) to (e) The Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development is implementing a Central Sector Investment Promotional Scheme (IPS) for mobilizing resources from financial institutions, banks , corporate bodies and other entrepreneurs for the development of non-forest wastelands belonging to Central & State Governments, Panchayats, village communities, private farmers etc. The Scheme has provision for central promotion grant/subsidy to all categories of beneficiaries. For effective participation of beneficiaries, promoter`s contribution has also been envisaged. The details of subsidy are given in the Annexure. Up-to the end of March, 2001, 26 projects have been sanctioned under this Scheme in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu .

There is no proposal to involve private sector in construction of houses for poor section of the society in the rural areas.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2340 for answer on 04-12-2001.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF CENTRAL PROMOTIONAL GRANT/SUBSIDY AND PROMOTERS` CONTRIBUTIO UNDER INVESTMENT PROMOTIONAL SCHEME (IPS)

A. The details of subsidy are

(i) General Category

(Individual/Group) 25% of on-farm development activities or Rs.25 lakhs, whichever is less.

(ii) Small farmers

(Individual/Group) 30% of on-farm development activities or Rs.25 lakhs, whichever is less.

(iii)(a)Marginal Farmers

(Individual/Group) 50% of on-farm development activities or Rs.25 lakhs, whichever is less.

(b) SC/ST Farmers without any limit in the area of holdings

(Individual/Group). Same as A (iii)(a) above.

For the purpose of calculating subsidy, the total cost for on farm development activities shall not exceed Rs. 20,000/- per hectare.